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1. There was no change in the occupation, activity or armament of the central air force material depot on Hegermuehlen Strasse in Strausberg. Eighteen or 20 jet engine crates, each 275 to 280 cm long, were again observed at the spur track of the installation. No test runs of jet engines were made.
2. The following motor vehicles were observed entering and leaving the depot between 3 and 16 March 1954:

Date in March	Incoming	Outgoing
4	truck <u>                    </u> with trailer <u>                    </u> both of them loaded with used truck tires	
8	truck <u>                    </u> with 2 gray non-reinforced crates, about 180 x 120 x 150 cm, and trailer <u>                    </u> with 1 dark-blue crate of type and size as above, a column of 3 three-axle <u>                    </u> tank trucks and 5 three-axle trucks <u>                    </u>	three-axle trucks <u>                    </u> with dark-blue steel cylinders, possibly acid carboys, about 220 cm long and 20 cm in diameter; truck <u>                    </u> and trailer <u>                    </u> each loaded with 1 dark-blue jet engine crate, about 3 x 1.5 x 1.8 meters, and reinforced by 2 iron bands and iron coating at the corners
10		six two-axle chassis <u>                    </u> and three-axle truck <u>                    </u> with tarpaulin, probably carrying gasoline for the chassis
11		truck <u>                    </u> and trailer <u>                    </u> each with 1 gray-blue jet engine crate about 3 x 1.5 x 1.8 meters and reinforced by 2 iron bands and iron coating at the corners, in addition to 2 or 3 smaller blue crates

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Date in  
March

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15	truck [ ] with used truck tires and medium-sized crates	thirty two-axle [ ] chassis and three-axle truck [ ] with tarpaulin; truck [ ] and trailer [ ] with tinne shed iron, about 3 x 15 meters, iron tubes of various diameters and medium-sized crates	25X1 25X1
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3. On 16 March, about 24 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets with AA insignia under the supervision of an officer were drilling between the materials depot and the repair installation.

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Trailers

[ ] in front of the depot

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5. The following motor vehicles were observed arrived at the Strausberg-Stadt railroad station between 4 and 15 March:
- 4 March. At least three two-axle, new, [ ] trucks with tarpaulins which later were hauled to the materials depot. 25X1
- 11 March. Thirty two-axle, new, [ ] apparently three-ton chassis which were hauled to the materials depot by tractor on 15 March. 25X1
- 15 March. About 24 three-axle chassis, 4 three-axle trucks and 2 trailers, all of them new [ ] which were hauled to the materials depot by tractor. 25X1

Comment. Between early April 1953 and March 1954, a total of 728 new trucks, truck chassis and trailers reportedly arrived by rail for the Strausberg air force depot. With an estimated 4,000 motor vehicles, including sedans, available for the Twenty-Fourth Air Army, including the AA units, the number of new cars considerably surpassed the yearly replacement quota of 7 to 8 percent of the equipment which is considered as normal. The surplus distribution of vehicles to the Twenty-Fourth Air Army may either have been intended to bring up the number of vehicles to the authorized strength or to increase the mobility of air units. An estimated 100 trucks may also have been assigned to signal units equipped with radar installations, the number of which increased considerably during the last year. It has not been definitely determined whether these signal units are subordinate to the air force but it is believed that they, as well as the air AA units, are assigned to the Twenty-Fourth Air Army and are served by the Strausberg air force depot. This assumption is supported by the fact that many of the truck chassis which arrived at the depot were fitted with radio superstructures. 25X1

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